was anyway going towards Ghaziabad for necessary repairs and schedule maintenance, this opportunity was utilised by senior official to reach Delhi to attend an important meeting with the General Manager at New Delhi on 3.4.2000. Since the loco movement was essentially made for operational reasons, no significant extra expenditure was involved.

(d) Instructions have been issued to avoid recurrence of such situations as far as possible especially in view of on-going austerity drive.

Railway Wagon/Coach manufacturing Factory in Assam

4397. DR. (SHRIMATI) JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a similar railway wagon/coach manufacturing factory in Assam as was set up at Kapurthala in Punjab to pull away youths from terrorist and secessionist activities by generating employment opportunities for them as conditions in Assam are almost similar to the conditions that existed in Punjab a few years back; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The available wagon/coach manufacturing capacity in the country is considered adequate to meet the present needs.

Status/Progress of Railway Projects cleared by CCEA

4398. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI :
MISS MARBEL REBELLO :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the status/progress of 12 railway projects cleared by Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on 4th February, 1999, costing to Rs. 2,529 Crores;

(b) what are the figures, project-wise; and

(c) when would these projects be completed, giving the details thereof, project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) to (c) Details regarding the 12 Railway projects including their costs, expenditure incurred on these projects up to March, 2000, budget allocation for 2000-01 and present status are given in the attached Statement (*See* below). Targets are fixed on yearly basis depending upon overall availability of resources. These projects will be progressed to completion as per availability of resources in the coming years.

Statement

Details of Railway Projects approved by Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on 04-02-1999

Sl. No.	Plan-Head	Name of Project	Cost	Expenditure upto March, 2000	Budget Outlay for 2000-01	Status
			(Amount in Crores of Rupees)			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	New Line	Baramati-Lonad	86.00	0.10	0.10	Final Location Survey (FLS) is being taken up.
2.	New Line	Bangalore-Satyamanglam	640.00	2.00	0.10	Final location survey would be completed by June, 2000. Land acquisition plans can be prepared once FLS is over and alignment has been firmed up.
3.	New Line	Gulbarga-Bidar	229.00	1.70	2.10	Final location survey land acquisition has been taken up. Work will be taken up once land becomes available.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4.	New Line	Gadwal-Raichur	100.00	4.22	5.00	Final location survey land acquisition has been taken up. Work will be taken up once land becomes available.
5.	New Line	Agra-Etawah *via* Fatehabad and Bah	108.00	0.19	10.00	Final Location survey for 49 Kms from Bhandai end has been completed. Preparation of plans and estimates has been taken up.
6.	New Line	Deogarh-Dumka	115.00	2.00	1.00	Final location survey has been completed. Proposal of land acquisition plans and papers have been taken up.
7.	Gauge Conversion	Quilion-Tirunelveli-Trichendur & Tenkasi-Virudhnagar	347.00	10.00	15.00	FLS has been taken up on the ghat section between Tenkasi and Punalur.
8.	Gauge Conversion	Katakhal-Bairabhi	80.00	2.00	0.10	Preliminary arrangements are being made for starting the work.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9.	Gauge Conversion	New Jalpaiguri-Siliguri-New Bongaigaon	537.00	48.00	80.00	Contract for earthwork and bridge over 150 kms has been awarded and work is in progress. The tenders for another 120 km stretch are under finalisation.
10.	Gauge Conversion	Bankura-Damodar River Project	147.00	3.00	40.00	Preliminary arrangements are being made for taking up the work. Final location survey for one block section has been completed.
11.	Doubling	Yeshwantpur-Tumkur	61.00	2.00	5.00	Preliminary arrangements are being made for taking up the work including acquisition on land.
12.	Railway Electrification	Ludhiana-Amritsar	79.00	1.80	10.25	The detailed estimate has since been sanctioned. Target for completion is March, 2004.
	Total :		2529.00	77.01	168.65	